



TRINITY TIMES

WORSHIP AT TRINITY:

SUNDAY MORNINGS

9:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship
in the Sanctuary

11:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship
in the Sanctuary

Crossroads Contemporary
Worship in Fellowship Hall

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Memorial

by Reverend Philip Brooks

The Civil War ended in 1865 but the last shot was fired in 1997. That year two young boys were playing with their Christmas present, a metal detector. Using their new toy, they discovered a live shell dating back to the Civil War.

The boys, Michael and Andrew Zimmerman of Winchester, Virginia, didn't know what the shell was. Neither did their uncle, Michael Robinson. He reports poking and banging on it as he examined it. Fortunately, Robinson called the police to come inspect the unknown object. The police recognized the strange item as an ancient ammunition shell. They exploded it in the Robinson's yard, creating a crater four feet long and five feet wide. Robinson commented, "In a way, it's the last shot fired in the Civil War, so we're glad they blew it up in our yard. The Civil War lived on last night."

How amazing that 132 years after the end of a war, its weapons could still be capable of destruction. That seems to be the nature of war: its effects linger in the lives of a people and a nation for generations. Ask the children of Afghanistan or Cambodia. Many have been maimed or killed by millions of land mines left

behind as a legacy of war. The pattern is repeated far too often around the globe.

Regardless of one's view(s) of war, there can be no doubt that we enjoy the freedoms we possess due to the sacrifice of untold numbers of soldiers who sacrificed, bled, and died in the cause of liberty. John Bradley, the center soldier depicted raising the flag in the Iwo Jima Memorial, rarely spoke of his war experiences. But he once told his son, "The heroes of Iwo Jima are the guys who didn't come back."

Many of us have relatives or friends who didn't come back from one of the armed conflicts in our lifetime. We owe to them an incalculable debt of gratitude for giving, as Lincoln said, "the last full measure of devotion".

The month of May contains Memorial Day, a time to remember those dear to us who have died. But let us not forget that multitude we did not know who gave themselves for us.

In India there is a cemetery where the bodies of American soldiers are buried. Over the entrance to that cemetery are inscribed these words: "Tell Them We Gave Our Todays for Their Tomorrows."



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Adult Sunday School

through May 31, 2009

Listening to Those Who Are Hurting

Carol Brand & Susie Magnuson
Room 208

The course, led by Stephen Ministry workers, will help participants develop some of the skills needed in helpful listening to others such as reflective listening, effective questions that enable the speaker to more clearly think through a problem, warmth, empathy, respect, self-disclosure, recognizing emotions and awareness of body language. The power of effective listening as it honors and enhances the power of the one being heard will be discussed, and the power of God in the resulting relationship and its outcomes will be examined.

Faith, Medicine and the Grace of Dying

Chris Rhoades, M.D.
Chapelside Parlor

Do you have a living will? Have you discussed your faith with your doctor? Each of us has faced the issue of death of a loved one. Each of us is facing the problem of how to handle our own death. We all have many choices to make in this situation. This class will explore the choices we meet in handling the combination of our faith, of modern medicine and the act of dying. We will discuss how your faith impacts your medical treatment. We will also discuss the grace we each receive as our lives on earth come to an end and we prepare for the next life.

NOOMA Short Films Study Group

Geoff and Kelle Eubank
Chapel

NOOMA is a collection of short films (10-15 minutes) narrated by Rob Bell, Pastor of Mars Hill Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan. These films explore our world from the perspective of Jesus. Using a 21st century format and present day situations, the films draw upon the words and actions from our 1st century Savior. Following the films, we will encourage each other to search, question and wrestle with the implications of what Jesus was saying and doing. Each film and discussion stands alone, so folks who miss one Sunday will not fall behind.

In His Word

Matt Hamilton
Room 207

Join us for an on-going weekly Bible study. Currently we are examining the Book of Romans and related Old and New Testament scriptures. Join us at any time; you won't be behind.

"What happens in Sunday School for kids?"

Over the years, Sunday school teachers and the Children and Family Council have chosen our curriculum collaboratively, and it's wonderfully eclectic in ways that fit different levels of development as well as the wonderful teachers who teach these varied levels.

Ages 3 and 4: classes follow a curriculum that is published by Cokesbury, the official publisher of the United Methodist Church. The hands-on activities are carefully designed by experts in religious education and child development. **Martha Field, Brenda and Dow Voelker, Diana Fisher, Dirk Winkler, Karin Cramer and Kate Lobley** lead these groups with exquisite care.

Kindergarten and First Grade: classes follow a curriculum entitled, "Live Big," published by Abingdon Press, a publisher used primarily by United Methodist churches throughout the nation. The curriculum is carefully designed by professional Christian educators, and it is developmentally appropriate and child friendly. **Marcia and Mark Emerson, Bonnie Black and Debbie Tavenner** work masterfully with this curriculum.

Second Grade: this class uses the "Godly Play" curriculum, a cutting edge curriculum that is especially effective in meeting the needs of each individual child. The hands-on activities involve much child/teacher interaction and personal attention. Children and teachers alike adore this curriculum. Initiated by **Ann Lawyer** and loved by parents and children alike, **Sandy Warman and Judy Coles** have carried on that cherished tradition.

Third & Fourth Grade: classes follow the "Hands On Bible" curriculum published by Group Publishers, a company valued especially by the Evangelical movement. It is enormously effective in helping children to learn about the Old and New Testaments. They study the various books of the Bible in ways that are appropriate to their age levels. Third grade culminates in the presentation of Bibles to each third grader in a service in the sanctuary. This year, **Donna Vorce and Debbie Tavenner** will be awarding their children their new Bibles on May 3. **Julie and David Wright** continue the "Hands On Bible" curriculum throughout the fourth grade year.

Fifth Grade: this class follows "The Student Bible," one which meets the needs of pre-adolescents. The teachers facilitate group discussion based on scriptural passages and parables that speak to the current needs of this age group. The children appreciate this new opportunity to experience the respect that their developing growth demands and the opportunity to explore the Bible in ways that challenge them appropriately. **Stefanie Spielman and Claire Hamilton** are adored by the fifth grade children, and **Lisa Showe** helps sometimes which delights the kids!

Teachers make the difference

We are blessed with exceptional Sunday school teachers who spend significant amounts of time preparing for your children each week. One great advantage of Sunday school is a group that is small and teachers who remain with the children throughout the year. Thus, loving bonds grow between teachers and children, and the love of Christ is felt that much more strongly because of the relationships that grow between teacher and child. Because the curricula are carefully chosen and designed by nationally acclaimed experts, the knowledge that children gain is powerful. We have a SUPERB Sunday school for children!

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save the date

Trinity Vacation Bible School
July 13-17, 2009

Summer Book Talks

In June, July and August, Summer Adult Sunday School will once again be filled with "Book Talks and Mission Walks." We've had fun choosing fascinating books and authors and finding the perfect Trinity folks to tell about them, and we have some interesting speakers including Rev. Brooks' close friend, Ajith Fernando, a Christian disciple, teacher and missionary who is a resident of Sri Lanka. He will speak to us of Christian Evangelism in a land of Buddhists, Muslims and Hindus. Consider inviting a friend or neighbor with you to Trinity this summer on Sundays at 10 a.m.

Digital Camera Scavenger Hunt May 3rd; 5-8 p.m.

Come and join us for this great event! We will meet at the church at 5 p.m. then students will go out into the community to get pictures of their group doing certain random things. This is a blast! We need parent drivers to take groups around and we also need families to send digital cameras with your child for the event. If you are able to drive, please email Heather.

Confirmation Day May 17th

Please pray for the students as they become full members of Trinity. Pray that they will seek to be faithful members of Christ's Church and that each one of us would reach out to them and serve as models of faithful disciples of Christ.

Senior Recognition May 24th in Crossroads

We would like to recognize all students who call Trinity home and are graduating this spring. This is a great way to lift those students up in prayer and to recognize their achievements. Please send in the student's name, school they are graduating from, as well as plans for the fall (if college, where they are attending, what they are planning to study in known, etc.). Even if you are unable to be in worship that Sunday, we still want to recognize you, so please send in your info!

Car Wash Fundraiser May 31st

Tremont Center ProCare, 2:30-4:30

Come and support Youth Outreach Ministries as we wash cars and raise money for our mission projects and, particularly, our high school mission trip this summer. We need parents and students to come and help us for this event! We need people to wash cars, towels, sponges, squeegees. If you are able to help, let Heather know. Tickets will be sold ahead of time also. Please plan on picking tickets up to sell in Sunday School and Crossroads. Thanks!

Coming up this summer:

June 22-26- Middle School Mission Week

July 26-31- High School Mission Trip to Chicago



GREEN TIP for May

Visit www.swaco.org. It is a great website hosted by the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio. Get answers to all your questions on recycling, yard waste, household hazardous waste, drop-off sites, and a host of related environmental topics for the public, teachers and administrators. 871-5100. For example: Free YARDWASTE drop-off Mon-Sat 7a-7p at 4120 Roberts Rd at Ohio Mulch, NO dirt rocks trash metal wire etc., sod OK, bag leaves, trees in 4 to 5 foot sections. Also: HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE Drop-off Site -1249 Essex Ave., east side of Fairgrounds, south of 11th Ave. See site for restrictions. Green tip ideas, suggestions, and questions can be directed to Bruce Satterthwaite, 488-7613. God is Green, God is Good, and we thank him for our Earth. Amen.

Trinity is on facebook!

If you are a facebook user, you can now join Trinity's community pages on facebook. The "Trinity United Methodist Church - Columbus, Ohio" facebook page is interactive and open to both members and non-members. "The Trinity United Methodist - Youth" facebook page is under the administration of Heather Perry, Director of Trinity Youth. To find our pages, click on the links in the "Trinity Online" section of the home page of the Trinity Web site at www.trinityumchurch.com. These link to facebook, and when you log on, you will be directed to your selected Trinity page. You can also log on to facebook.com and search, for example, "Trinity United Methodist Church - Columbus OH." Trinity joins churches nationwide that are successfully utilizing social networking for building community and extending outreach.

Trinity Times is a monthly newsletter published for members of Trinity United Methodist Church. Subscriptions are available for \$15 per year for non-members. Make checks payable to Trinity UMC and designate Trinity Times on the memo.

The deadline to submit information for the June/July combined issue is Tuesday, May 5. Please place your information or photos in the *Trinity Times* box in the church office or email to beckywest22@aol.com.

opportunities

Weekly meetings:

Sunday

Monday

WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday Mornings

9 a.m. Sanctuary
Traditional Worship

11 a.m. Sanctuary
Traditional Worship

11 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Crossroads
Contemporary
Worship

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10 a.m. for Adults and
Children

Weekly
Meetings in
May:

7:15 pm Youth
Pathfinders;
Fellowship Hall

3
Communion Sunday

4
9:15 am Women's
Bible Study;
Chapelside Parlor
9:30 am Wee Moms;
Room 208

10

11

6 pm Altar Guild
Dinner Meeting;
Fellowship Parlor

17

Confirmation Sunday

11 am Traditional
Worship

18

9:15 am Women's
Bible Study;
Chapelside Parlor

9:30 am Wee Moms;
Room 208

24

Senior Recognition

11 am Crossroads
Worship

25

Memorial Day
Building & Offices
Closed

9-11 am Trinity
Gardens Planting

31

Blood Pressure
Screening, 9:50-10:30

Did you miss a
sermon?

Visit our website:
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Sunday sermons are
available for you to
download.

May 2009

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
<p>6:30 am Men's Small Group; Chapelside Parlor</p> <p>12:30 pm Tuesday Team @ New Life Clothing Room</p> <p>6:45 pm Women of the Living Word Study; Room 207</p> <p>7 pm Troop 261; Room 011</p>	<p>9 am Women of the Living Word Study; Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7 pm Mom's Group; Chapelside Parlor</p> <p>7 pm Stephen Ministries; Room 117</p>	<p>5:30 -7 pm Grief Support; Chapel</p> <p>6:45 pm Chancel Bell Choir; Rm 201</p> <p>7 pm Young Professionals Group; 2132 Ridgecliff Rd.</p> <p>8 pm Chancel Choir; Rm 204</p>	<p>9:30 am Friday Bible Study; Room 201</p>	<p>Photo by Karen Narwicz</p>		
<p>5</p> <p>Trinity Times Deadline</p> <p>7 pm Trinity Foundation Meeting; Room 117</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7 pm Stephen Ministries; Room 117</p>	<p>7</p>				
<p>12</p> <p>7 pm Meeting Night for Committees & Council</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7 pm Friendly Visitor Gathering; Chapelside Parlor</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30 am Prayers & Squares; Room 208</p> <p>7 pm Caring Card Ministry; Room 001</p>			<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>19</p> <p>6:15 pm Pizza Making for Homeless; Fellowship Kitchen</p> <p>7 pm Children/ Family Council; Fellowship Parlor</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7 pm Stephen Ministries; Room 117</p>	<p>21</p>			<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:30 am Prayers & Squares; Room 208</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5 pm Hosting YWCA Family Center</p>	<p>30</p>		
<p>visit our website: trinityumchurch.com</p>						



mission vision

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Trinity Supports Mother's Day Brunch

Trinity's Mission Council is working with the Columbus Coalition For The Homeless to plan the 10th Annual Mother's Day Brunch. This event brings together approximately 250 homeless mothers and their children at Capital University. It's a wonderful way for these families to celebrate the gift and blessings of a mother.

Through Trinity's Christmas offering, we were able to sponsor a table at this event. If you would like to make an additional donation by sponsoring a mother at the brunch, please send a \$25 check made payable to the Columbus Coalition for the Homeless and annotate in the Memo line "Mother's Day Brunch". Please send checks to Trinity to the attention of Rev. Amy Aspey. For more information on the event, please contact Ann Poole at apoole@columbus.rr.com.

May Mission Opportunities

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| May 19
6:15 pm | Pizza Making for
Friends of the
Homeless;
Fellowship Kitchen |
| May 29
5 p.m. | YWCA Family
Center Hosting |
| Tuesdays
12:30 p.m. | New Life Clothing
Room |

Explore the call to ministry at EXPLORATION 2009

Nov. 13-15 in Dallas

EXPLORATION 2009 addresses The United Methodist Church's need for young clergy by offering youth and young adults who feel God's call a chance to explore that call.

"Today more than ever, the denomination needs to sponsor events that invite, train, and support young people as they answer their call to ministry. Research done in 2005 found that just 850 United Methodist elders, or 4.69 percent, in the United States are younger than 35," said the Rev. Meg Lassiat, director of Student Ministries, Vocation, and Enlistment at the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, which sponsors EXPLORATION.

The national event, the ninth since GBHEM began sponsoring it in 1990, is for high school seniors through young adults aged 24 who are considering a call to ordained ministry as a deacon or elder in The United Methodist Church.

"By attending EXPLORATION, youth and young adults will have the opportunity to explore a variety of ways to serve in ordained ministry," Lassiat said. She added that efforts are being made to communicate regularly with annual conferences so clergy and other leaders will have the opportunity to support their young people and encourage them in their discernment for ministry.

The event will include speakers, worship, workshops, and small group interaction to help students hear, discern, and respond to their call to ordained ministry. For more information, please visit www.gbhem.org/exploration.

Rev. Amy Aspey is serving on the Exploration Planning Team. Please contact her if you have any questions or would like more information about this event.

Lotion for New Life

Please donate bottles of lotion and put them in the basket in the Atrium. The lotion will be delivered to our neighbors in need at New Life United Methodist Church.

Memorial Day Geraniums



Donor envelopes for Memorial Day geraniums will be available in the Narthex the first three Sunday mornings in May.

The cost of each plant will be \$5.00. You may pick up your plants at noon on Memorial Day Sunday or leave them to be planted in the Trinity Gardens on Memorial Day Monday for all to enjoy.

Memorial Day Planting

Come and join the fun from 9-11 a.m. on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th! We will beautify the Trinity campus by filling the gardens and pots with flowers. Bring your own trowel and any other gardening tools you like to use. Be a part of making Trinity even more lovely! Questions? Call Rusty Lawyer 488-2910

Prayer Group

Trinity's Prayer Group corresponds via e-mail during the week. To be part of this group or to request prayer, please contact Coordinator Nancy Rummel at nancy@quinnexecutivecoaching.com or 326-1628. The group meets the first Sunday of the month at 8 a.m. in Chapelside Parlor. Prayer request cards are available in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.

event photos, online sermons & up-to-date
info available at:
trinityumchurch.com

Each month in *Trinity Times*, the Stewardship Committee invites us to celebrate the efforts of the members of our church family who contribute their time and talents to support the ministries of the church. If you would like to nominate someone for his or her stewardship contributions, please contact Seth Metcalf (smetcalf@ssd.com or 365.2778). *Jamie Lowery* wrote the following tribute.

Frank and Dee Himes



Departing from the norm, I begin this month's Stewardship feature in the first person. I have known Frank and Dee Himes since before either of our 'Trinity Times.' As a high school senior at Upper Arlington, I had the good fortune to join their son, Glenn, as a teammate on In-The-Know, the academic quiz bowl, seen on 10-TV in those days, now on WOSU. Glenn has remained a dear friend and is a testament to his parent's stewardship, having earned his PhD in electrical engineering and now working for a US government think tank. The Himes are equally proud of their two daughters, Laura, already retired after 30 years of teaching in Delaware, Ohio, and Caroline, who is the business manager for a government agency in Boulder, Colorado.

Frank and Dee joined Trinity in 1991, returning to the denomination of Dee's youth, and have been actively involved members ever since. Dee participates in women's small group circles, but her most intimate involvement is as a Stephen Minister, which she describes as a confidential ministry of listening. Stephen Ministers receive extensive training in how to provide a good ear and support to those wrestling with the myriad of problems life throws at us, from job loss to substance abuse.

Frank taught adult Sunday school classes and served on various committees, including a term as chair of the property committee. Currently, he is a member of our Trustees. Though his professional career was as an Agronomy professor at OSU, his avocation is photography. Over the years the renderings of his keen eye have adorned the walls of Trinity, lending a sense of beauty and wonder to a simple stroll down the hallways.

You may have noticed that Frank has been conspicuously absent since last fall. With Frank's permission, I recount his unfortunate brush with a beguiling tree limb. After the winds from Hurricane Ike reeked their havoc last September, his son-in-law was helping him clear a fallen 1 foot caliber limb out on his farm near West Jefferson. On releasing the limb, it had more pent up spring in it than expected and it suddenly rolled back over both of Frank's legs, resulting in bilateral tibial and fibular fractures. He has since undergone numerous surgical procedures, the most recent, and hopefully the last, just a few weeks ago. Frank and Dee would have me turn this Stewardship tribute around and thank all of you or your prayers and support during this difficult recovery time. Your love and concern has been an 'embarrassment of riches' to them. Frank and Dee, we all look forward to seeing you back on your feet at Trinity in the near future.



our church family

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Tom Anderson	Steve Hall
Diane Byers	Larry Newman
Betty Chrissinger	Lori Sellers
Ann Clark	Jim Shelton
Joan Colliver	Jane Woodward
Joan Goodwin	Carolyn Wright

BAPTISMS

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was given on April 5, 2009 for Natalie Parker Brown, daughter of Leslie and Scott ... for Abigail Elizabeth Gugle, daughter of Elizabeth and Jeffrey ... for Colin Richard Hart, son of Rita and Shane ... for Sean Michael Miller, son of Victoria and Michael ... for Madeline Elizabeth Solley, daughter of Sarah and Charles ... and for Elizabeth Rose Thien, daughter of Melissa and Ken.

IN SYMPATHY

Trinity sympathies are extended Mike and Kathi Cennamo and Family in the passing of Mike's brother ... to Cindy and Larry McClatchey and Family in the passing of Cindy's father, Howard O. "Mike" Reeder ... to Ruben and Vera Spurlock, David and Mindy Spurlock Gross and Family in the passing of Tim Spurlock, son and Brother ... to the Family of Trinity's oldest member (104), Fairie Snyder ... to Chris and Kelly Stover and Family in the passing of Chris' grandfather, D.W. Stover ... to Al and Lori Friedstrom and Family in the passing of Al's brother, Edwin Friedstrom ... to Oma and John Ervin in the passing of Oma's brother, Nevin Flinn ... and to the Family of Trinity member Martha Dorsey.

Memorial Gifts to Trinity Foundation

Members and friends of Trinity often ask that the Church be included in their estate planning or request that memorial donations be made to Trinity in their honor. These persons have left a legacy that will endure and bless others in the years to come. Gifts to Trinity Foundation are also made to honor weddings, retirements and other milestones. If you are interested in including Trinity in your estate plan, please contact Rev. Philip Brooks at 488-0695; Willie Grove, Trinity Foundation Chair, at 460-6580; and your financial advisor.

We are grateful for the following memorial gifts made in the First Quarter of 2009:

In memory of

Richard Denney

Mr. & Mrs. John Hagely
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In memory of

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Mr. & Mrs. Ken Pryor
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Mr. & Mrs. Ed Wozniak

In memory of

Malcolm Graves

Ms. Joanne Ketcham

In memory of

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In memory of

Faith Kemper

Mrs. Warren Chrissinger

In memory of

Timothy Spurlock

David & Linda Bryan

The following gifts were given in honor of service to the Trinity Foundation:

In honor of

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